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Boycott Rejected

Austria Sympathetic To Lubicons

VIENNA (ANN) — The Austrian government has expressed sympathy with the plight of the Lubicon Band, but has stopped short of endorsing their call for a boycott of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

After meeting with the band, Eva Nowotny, foreign policy advisor to Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, said her government would not participate in a boycott, but added that Austria is "sympathetic to such problems and always takes firm stands on human rights issues."

"Definitely we can and we will raise these questions and will put pressure on the government of Canada," she added.

The Lubicon Band is currently travelling through seven European nations and meeting with government, Olympics and museum officials in their bid to organize a boycott of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games.

The band has called for a boycott claiming that the Games are being organized by the same government and oil concerns that are destroying their traditional lifestyle.

Earlier, Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak obtained a promise from the Austrian Olympic Committee to inquire about the band's concerns.

Following an hour-long meeting with Ominayak and representatives of the Indian Association of Alberta,

Heniz Jungwirth, general secretary of the Austrian Olympic

Committee said he intends to bring the Northern Alberta band's human rights concerns to his committee's executive board and general assembly.

"We are dealing with the government here or there, I hope you understand," he noted. "We can just get in touch with the Olympic Committee and organizing committee and certainly ask what's really going on."

Christian Strohal, head of the human rights section of Austria's foreign affairs department rejected the band's call for a full-fledged boycott, but agreed to accept transcripts of the band's court actions, a copy of the E. Davey Fulton discussion paper on the land claim and the Lubicon submission to the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

However, he noted that foreign ministries generally do not like to interfere in the internal affairs of other states.

"The Olympics question I'm not responsible for. I have difficulty imagining that Austrian men and women would think a boycott is the right answer to the problem," he added.

But Ominayak explained that his band has tried all legal options and exhausted them. Thus it has been forced to seek international recognition of its problem.

He told the Austrian officials that the discussion paper, which the band had assumed would form the founda-

tion for resolution of their land claims was ignored in negotiations with the federal government.

To fool around in the court system costs a lot of money and we don't have the finances," he explained.

"They (the government) are controlling the system and if they can rewrite the law and deal any way they want in deciding what they're going to do, it's hardly worthwhile for us to continue in this field."

Meanwhile, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., too expressed sympathy, but rejected the boycott.

Officials of the museum decided to go ahead and loan 20 rare native artifacts to Calgary's Glenbow Museum, which is part of the Olympics cultural festival.

Smithsonian Institute spokesman Madeleine Jacobs said the curators are very concerned about the Lubicon's claims, but could not get involved in a political problem.



Haidas Continue Protest

by Jim Crow

World famous Haida artist Bill Reid has been risking arrest for helping block roads in a new offensive by Haida Indians to prevent logging on Lyell Island.

Reid, who has been suffering from Parkinson's disease for almost a decade, and is in failing health, flew in by helicopter to the west coast island to join a brief dawn patrol several times last month.

Reid was carving a piece of art during the protest. The Haida blockade kept more than 60 trucks and loggers at bay for several hours on both occasions.

Reid reiterated his warning that the Queen Charlotte Islands must

be kept in a natural state, and that the economic future of the southern islands should focus on tourism, not logging.

"They (provincial government) say they want the Charlottes as park, and then allow it to be logged. I'm much more hopeful the Haidas will find a place in this modern world without the chainsaw," he said.

The executive director of the Council of Haida Nations, Michael Nicoll, confirmed that Reid's health is "not good, but it was his decision to go to."

Some Haida Indians, including several who were forbidden to return to Lyell Island, joined Reid in the protest.

Residents, Minister Accused Of Racism

BEAUSAJOUR, Man. (ANN) — The chief of the Long Plains Indian Band is accusing Health Minister Jake Lipp and residents of this town of racism.

At issue is the band's proposal to set up a reserve near this town, located southeast of Winnipeg.

"They don't want Indians there," Chief Stanley Myerson told a recent press conference.

The site is trying to set up its reserve on the land of a former Canadian forces radar base outside the town.

But this has met with opposition from the local residents. "These people like to hunt and they'll kill off all the deer and moose,"

said Lac du Bonnet Reeve Edward Sikora.

Although the Lac du Bonnet municipal council has not yet decided on the band's bid to acquire the base, Sikora says his mind is made up.

The base, located in Epps riding of Provencher, is also being considered as a site for a provincial jail.

Epps himself favors the jail proposal. Residents of Beausajour itself are also opposed to having the band set up a reserve, says the town's mayor.

Integrating with another kind of people would be a tremendous shock to them," said Mayor Don Mazur.

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Little Done To Alleviate Alcohol/Drug Abuse Problem

CALLING LAKE (ANN) — One of the authors of the brief submitted to the Northern Alberta Development Council includes his own employer as one of the groups that have done little to alleviate the alcohol and drug abuse problem in this northern Alberta community.

Francis Cardinal, a full-time counsellor for the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, says AADAC is more concerned about cutting costs than solving problems.

For example, says Cardinal, AADAC last summer eliminated a program in which he accompanied local residents with alcohol problems to court in Athabasca.

"We keep hearing people talk about it, but nothing is being done," says Cardinal, who earns \$14,400 a year as a counsellor.

The brief, submitted by the Calling Lake

Community Association, says alcohol or drug abuse is responsible for 12 to 16 deaths in this isolated community since September 1985.

Everyone of the 418 residents has been touched personally by tragedy, says Cardinal, whose own brother was killed after passing out on a neighbor's property and getting accidentally run over by a car.

Cardinal says the community is planning a meeting to address some of the alcohol and drug related problems and to find solutions to them.

He has suggested that the counselling

program currently administered by the Slave Lake Friendship Centre be moved to Calling Lake.

He also complains that the Athabasca RCMP detachment hasn't laid any bootlegging charges in Calling Lake in over 10 years although the problem exists.

Athabasca RCMP officers Cpl. Clarence Bodden and Const. Dale Clark say bootleggers have to be caught in the act before charges can be laid which is making it difficult for the RCMP because the local bootleggers know who they are.

Bodden suggested much more could be done if people were willing to finger the bootlegger after making a purchase.

But whenever RCMP have stopped people leaving a bootlegger's home with liquor, they have denied making the purchase there.

Brian Kearns, assistant executive director of program services for AADAC, says he is disappointed by Cardinal's comments.

While the commission faces restraints, it is well funded as compared to other government agencies in the province, he says.

Ancestors Key In Satiacum Case

by Sy Sims

A Washington-state native Indian leader and convicted racketeer, Robert Satiacum, may have descended from Canadian ancestry, his defence lawyer said last month in Vancouver.

Lyn Crompton said in an interview she is studying new information that Satiacum's great great grandfather on his mother's side may have been a Canadian named Leon Ladue.

If proven right, the information could be invaluable, Crompton said. Satiacum is fighting against returning to the United States to face sentencing on charges of racketeering, murder conspiracy and arson.

Satiacum, hereditary chief of the Puyallup Indian band, fled Washington almost five years ago, and was arrested in Saskatchewan about a year later. Since that time, he has remained in custody while claiming refugee status.

A three-member immigration appeal tribunal has adjourned Satiacum's case until January 1987, to give Satiacum's lawyer

more time to complete her work, and possibly call further evidence.

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tribunal chairman Edna Chambers warned. "There have been too many delays already."

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Native Actors In Big Demand

by Hy Chaparrel

It happens at least once a week. Someone's on the phone, usually a director or casting agent, calling Spirit Song — a Vancouver native theatre company — looking for trained Indian actors.

There has always been an added emphasis on the word "trained", and that's why the demand for native actors has always exceeded supply, said Lynn Phelan, who recently left her position as general manager of Spirit Song.

Said Phelan: "For many years now, there has been a core of five or six Indian actors who were called for most of the acting jobs in the country. Most Indians never think of acting as a career."

Rumour has it a CBC radio drama producer was overhead lamenting that most native voices are too monotone to be really effective on radio. Often as not, both stage and radio have preferred using whites made up as natives rather than the real McCoy.

But the situation is now beginning to change. And more and more entertainment people are coming a knockin' at Spirit Song's door. Just last month, Spirit Song took a major development step for native actors by opening the first Native Indian theatre arts school in the country.

Artistic director of the seven month program is Sadie Worn Staff, while Phelan steps up to program co-ordinator.

"Our funding is through the federal government and we are employment, rather than academically oriented," explained Phelan. "There is no tuition for the course, and the funding provides a monthly living allowance of \$400 for each of the 16 students."

A Special Course

Before the final course outlines were set out, Phelan talked with theatre professionals at Langara and Douglas Colleges, and at UBC. The resulting courses — acting skills, movement, voice, theatre history, discipline and ethics, and play production — are like those at other schools. But a special class in Indian cultural arts reminds and reinforces students of their traditional performing skills.

The three school staff members include David Secunda, a former instructor of Ottawa's School for Performing Arts; Bonnie Worthington, theatre instructor and director; and Toronto dancer and teacher Rosa John.

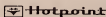
Phelan said native actors can represent a wide variety of roles. "We're happy to take the Indian 'role' work, but there's no reason an Indian can't be cast as a lawyer, truck driver, doctor, or any



Lynn Phelan

other profession you can think of," she added. Plans are now afoot to extend the course to a full two-year program.

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OCO Native Liason Stays Put

by Peter Racey

Despite a measure of opposition, the native liason co-ordinator for the Calgary Winter Olympics is determined to keep his position.

Sykes Powderface's recent appointment to the Olympics post came after leaders of several reserves near Calgary called for a native representative in an effort to obtain economic benefit from the Games for their communities.

However, Bernard Ominayak, Chief of the Lubicon Lake Band, is upset that Powderface's appointment is merely a 'token Indian' position. In a recent letter to Powderface, the disgruntled Chief has called for the resignation of the Games' native liason co-ordinator.

Powderface has refused to quit his post with the Calgary Olympics, and he believes the support is there for a native liason position.

In his letter to Powderface, Ominayak indicated that acceptance of the liason position would place Powderface on the wrong side of the fight for the recognition of aboriginal rights in Canada.

The Lubicon Lake Band occupy an oil-rich

area of land east of Peace River. The band has been involved in a long-standing dispute with the federal and provincial governments regarding aboriginal rights, and have called for an international boycott of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

When recently appointed to the co-ordinator position, Powderface told a news conference that he would not get involved in the Lubicon Lake Band's call for a boycott. The matter was a 'political issue' best left to politicians.

Support for a liason co-ordinator position has come from leaders of several reserves near Calgary who have been seeking economic benefits from the Games. Leaders had hoped to have Indians involved in various construction projects throughout the Olympic site.

However, Chief Ominayak of the Lubicon Lake Band disputes claims that the development of the Winter Olympics site in and around Calgary will lead to any real economic involvement for the Indian bands. The awarding of major contracts for the construction of ski resorts and media housing has already been denied native people, he says.

Powderface, a Stoney Indian who resides on the Morley reserve adjacent to Kanamask Country, the site of several Olympic events, maintains that economic spin-offs from the program are still possible.

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Dene Chief Upset

Northern Media Criticized

by Jim Crow

Steve Kakfwi, Dene Nation President, has publicly expressed his displeasure - with the northern media.

The president openly criticized CBC Radio and the Native Press for their handling of a letter from Aklavik band manager Dean Smith that was recently published in the Native Press. Kakfwi said Native Press ran a letter addressed to Kakfwi after someone phoned in the message that was tape recorded.

Kakfwi said he was completely unaware of the letter, and said the Press should have consulted him first to make sure the message was authentic. He was also upset the Native Press ran another story based on the phone message, and charged that the story should have been suppressed until he had time to respond to the letter.

James Lawrence, a reporter for Native Press, said the story was given the go-ahead because of other allegations the paper had received in the recent past about the same issues.

The CBC also went ahead and did a story based on the letter.

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the region — on the other, anti-trapping campaigns that have greatly hurt the traditional industry.

The withdrawal of Gulf, Esso and Dome Petroleum from exploration in the Beaufort Sea has left 700 northerners — two

thirds of them Natives, out of work in the western Arctic.

Meanwhile in the east, the Inuit are facing hard times after anti-trapping campaigns by animal rights activists have left them without traditional markets.

This is creating a rapid rise in applications for social assistance — an additional 100 per month over this period last winter.

Social Services Minister Bruce McLaughlin recently announced the territorial government would be spending an additional \$1.8 million on relief this year. About one million over the next six months will be used to cover increases in food benefits for social assistance applicants.

McLaughlin says most of the assistance will be used largely for people reliant on the seal skin trade and who are now having a tough time financing their hunts.

"We know that when people take social assistance, they're not using it for food, but for things such as bullets and repairs to snowmobiles so that they can go out on land and get their own food," he explains.

But another batch of recipients is expected this January. That's when the first of the oil industry's former employees will see their unemployment benefits run out. But the full impact of the oil layoffs isn't expected until the fall.

The federal government has appointed a task force headed by Energy Minister Mar-

cel Masse and Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Bill McKnight to investigate the options for the Beaufort Sea.

The territorial government, in turn, has set up its own task force headed by Economic Development Minister Tagak Curley.

Curley says the tasks ahead include doing a better job of marketing northern products, fostering alternative industries such as forestry and fishing, as well as continuing a counter campaign against the animal rights advocates.

Dick Hill, executive director of the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce isn't optimistic, but says the government should push for the construction of a road between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk and the establishment of Inuvik, rather than Winnipeg as the supply base for the western Arctic portion of the North Warning System.

More Allegations In Manitoba Probe

by Jim Crow

A Manitoba Indian band was forced to give a local construction company carte blanche to build a \$1.3 million road on its reserve, a band consultant said last month.

A former senior employee of the federal Indian Affairs Department, Denis McPhee, said the God's River band relied on Thomas Campbell to build the road. "If they didn't, they probably wouldn't have gotten the road," said McPhee. Campbell's brother is George Campbell, then the department's director-general.

However, engineers at Indian Affairs said the road shouldn't have cost more than \$800,000 to build. McPhee remarked that the band is being held responsible for the \$500,000 difference.

This event is just one more in a seemingly never-ending series of complaints about the financial affairs of the department in Manitoba.

Just last month, Bill McKnight, Indian Affairs Minister, ordered an RCMP investigation following allegations of illegal financial practices in the Winnipeg office.

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Dispute Over Proposed Site Of Longhouse

LYELL ISLAND (ANN) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police say they have no evidence of the Haida at Windy Bay may lead to violence.

"We have nothing to indicate we should be concerned," said Superintendent Ron Pettit, reacting to a recent statement by federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan.

He added that there were no police currently on the island.

McMillan had earlier expressed his concern that a possible confrontation could arise.

"I don't think it would be an overstatement to say that violence is possible, even death, if this thing gets out of control," he declared in the House of Commons.

"We are working behind the scenes — quietly, reasonably and co-operatively with the government of British Columbia and with the Haida to avert

disaster."

But a Haida spokesman says he doesn't believe the dispute will lead to violence.

And in Victoria, a forests and lands official said his ministry would not be looking for confrontation, despite a warning issued by the ministry that the Indians would be in violation of B.C. law if they went ahead with plans to build a longhouse without a permit.

The B.C. Land Act prohibits trespass and unauthorized use of Crown land and allows the government to seize all unauthorized structures and charge the person for removal costs.

However, Assistant Deputy Minister Wes Cheston says the ministry will not order the Haida to stop construction.

Haida fishing boats have now landed cedar planks for the longhouse at Windy Bay — which has been proposed as the site for an ecological reserve.

Haida employee Michael Nicol says he doesn't agree with McMillan's predictions of violence.

Cheston says he has sent a letter to Miles Richardson, president of the Council of the Haida Nation to bring information with regard to the land needs.

But Richardson says the Haida don't need government approval to build a longhouse on the traditional lands.

"This is Haida Land," he says.

He adds that the government has used development permits to argue in court that they have sold their aboriginal claims and this is just another of their tactics.

Richardson says his people have not been involved in any protests on Lyell Island recently because they wanted to give political process a chance to work.

However, the B.C. government "continues to ignore us, pretend we don't exist and proceed with business as usual," he notes.

Hunting and Fishing Violations

EDMONTON — Alberta citizens now have a toll-free telephone number they can call to report fishing and hunting violations, announced the Hon. Don Sparrow, Associate Minister of Public Lands and Wildlife, Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

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"The telephone number was introduced to increase the effectiveness of the Fish and Wildlife Division's Outdoor Observer program," said Sparrow. The program itself was developed in 1974 in response to a growing demand from the public to become more involved in the protection of the fish and wildlife resources.

The types of violations that are the most common are hunting at night, hunting and fishing out of season and exceeding limits.

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by George Bonavia

(Canadian Scene) — **Arduous Journey: Canadian Indians and Decolonization** by Rick Ponting - McClelland and Stewart, Toronto, On. 1986, 432 pp. \$15.95 paper

This is a comprehensive description and analysis of the situation Canadian Indians face on their difficult road to self-determination. It takes a look at comparable processes undergone by aboriginal people in other countries.

Arduous Journey provides historical, demographic, and public opinion data that are a necessary background to anyone seeking to understand the transition that Indian peoples are undertaking. It includes detailed treatment of such pivotal events as the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, the Berger Inquiry into the Mackenzie Valley pipeline, the 1985 amendments to the Indian Act, and the drive for self-government.

Decore Soars To Victory

by Hy Chaparral

From the moment the polls closed it was clear this election would deliver a clearcut winner. By an overwhelming margin, incumbent mayor Laurence Decore was returned to office as mayor of Edmonton for another three years.

Final results show Decore crushing his principal challenger, Buck Olsen, by an 87,939 to 39,857 margin, a tally very similar to the one Decore had when he defeated incumbent mayor Cec Purves three years ago.

At his election headquarters on 104 Ave., Decore said he "was overwhelmed by it all". We had 1,300 to 1,500 people door knocking every home in Edmonton. No other candidate did that. We started with a jump on everyone else."

A Matter Of Style

Even though the campaign was generally lacklustre throughout, it became clear Decore possessed more style and charisma than his main rival, Olsen, a former alderman who's been out of the political arena for six years, didn't really delineate a clear political platform. Most of his energies were directed towards attacking Decore's style of government. On numerous occasions, Olsen described city hall as "divisive and confrontational".

He also tried to emphasize how dismal Decore's political achievements were, but the electorate would not buy it. Olsen is not a particularly engaging public speaker, and that fault really hurt him at rallies and fundraisers.

Decore, 46, had a very distinguished business career before entering politics. At age 24, Laurence Decore had a naval officer's commission in addition to his law degree. Around the period, he was also involved in a major real-estate development in Jasper.

At just 30 years of age, he co-founded QCTV Cablevision Ltd., and was a senior partner in the family law firm.

Win No Surprise

At about the midway point of the campaign, several polls showed Olsen trailing Decore by more than a three-to-one margin. In the ten days prior to the vote, Olsen began to pick up momentum as more people began to consider the former alderman as a credible alternative.

That certainly wasn't the case for alderman Ed Leger, who vilified Decore throughout his initial three-year reign. Leger, who lost his seat for alderman this time around, is out of city politics for the first time in more than two decades.

At the other end of the spectrum, Decore spent the greater part of his campaign telling Edmontonians about the city's bright future.

Decore spoke at length about the jobs that were going to be created, while ignoring his failure to resolve the telephone toll-war dispute.

He also shed some positive light on the potentially explosive land-fill site issue by initiating a recycling project, and promising to work with neighbourhood municipalities for a regional solution.

Turnout Lower

The turnout for last month's election was close to 33 per cent. That was down from 1983 figures, which showed 42 per cent of the populace voted.

Election officer Frieda Guenther said the new computerized ballot system appeared to work well. However, results were slow to come in because of a traffic jam at the doors of city hall as poll workers waited to get their results into the building.

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Petition Calls For Early Election

SADDLE LAKE (ANN) — There is a new storm brewing at this reserve, located just west of St. Paul.

In August 1985, a new band council was elected after most members from the previous ones were forced to step down.

Now, some members of the community want this one to resign as

well — even though they haven't yet completed their full two year term.

Howard Cardinal, a member of the Saddle Lake band, says a petition calling for an early election has been circulated and has already collected 539 signatures.

This, he says, is enough to force an early election because, according to tribal custom, 60 per cent of the voting members are required.

"The Saddle Lake membership has circulated a petition calling for a recall of the leadership and for a new general election due to the general dissatisfaction and loss of confidence in the present leadership," says Cardinal.

There are nine members on the council.

Late last month, approximately 50 people attended a meeting during which the resignation of the council was moved. This, says Cardinal, is enough to constitute a quorum for tribal meetings.

He added that the petition was started because the band council has failed to consult with its membership and has made decisions unilaterally.

There are a number of important decisions regarding Indian self government that have to be made prior to the convening of the First Ministers Conference this spring, he points out.

Another cause for dissatisfaction among band members is the failure of the council to do anything about the growing problem of unemployment and welfare on the reserve, Cardinal says.

Natives and Self-Government

Constitutional Accord On Track

by Peter Racey

Native self-government in Canada is one step closer to reality after federal and provincial government representatives met in Ottawa recently with native peoples' associations.

The participants agreed to organize a draft amendment to the Constitution, which would give Indians, Metis, and Inuit a certain degree of autonomy.

The agreement is a basic step, but until now has so far eluded federal/provincial meetings with the native peoples since the Constitution was patriated in 1982.

Federal justice minister Ray Hnatyshyn, who chaired the conference, was enthusiastic with the agreement. Results from the conference offer a good chance for a first minister's meeting in early 1987.

First Nations Assembly chief Georges Erasmus



Ray Hnatyshyn

also was encouraged by the sessions, and he sees a "much higher possibility" of a constitutional agreement than ever before.

Federal and provincial justice ministers have agreed to meet native leaders again in January to refine the draft amendment, and to re-evaluate financial considerations for the native people.

Native leaders and justice ministers both consider the January meeting a preparatory measure for an April get-together by the Prime Minister and the Premiers of the provinces. An attempt to negotiate a constitutional agreement with Native leaders will be made in April.

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Aklavik, Dene Nation At Loggerheads

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT (ANN) — The Aklavik Band is at loggerheads with Dene Nation president Steve Kakfwi and has written to him outlining a number of complaints about the way he is handling the position.

Among other things the band is upset that the Dene Nation authorized a personal loan to an employee at its recent assembly in Snowdrift.

Another item of contention is that Aklavik Band Chief Freddy Greenland recently had his salary cut off.

At a press conference, however, Kakfwi explained that Greenland had his pay cut because he hadn't attended any Dene Nations meetings in

three years.

He explained that chiefs are paid to attend meetings and if they don't the money isn't forthcoming.

Greenland also wants holiday and separation pay, but Kakfwi told the conference holiday pay is not deducted from the chiefs.

"As far as holiday pay (is concerned), you could say he's had it for the past three years," Kakfwi said.

The loans, explained Kakfwi were made to help keep the employees within the Dene Nation where the staff is paid so little that they leave whenever they find a higher-paying government job.

He said there were two loans made to employees, which were used as down payments on homes.

The band questioned why loans were given out to employees, when there was no money made available to delegates at the Snowdrift assembly.

The Aklavik band has also charged that Kakfwi collects \$60,000 a year in salary while doing nothing for the Dene Nation.

Kakfwi said he doesn't know exactly how much he gets, but estimates it in the \$50,000 range.

However, the job demands a lot and the Dene are getting results, he contends.

He outlined his past accomplishments which include a mini-proposal for Dene rights presented at the last assembly as well as written agreements on land resources, monies and wildlife.

The band claims that the Dene Nation owes them \$2,600 in back rent for office space used by a community health representative and says that the office has been invoiced three times over the past year, but have yet to give a response.

Kakfwi says a check for \$1,600 has been sent.

Speaking at the conference, Kakfwi also defended himself against charges of financial mismanagement raised by former Dene Nation president George Erasmus.

Erasmus said this has resulted in a \$300,000 deficit. But Kakfwi says \$100,000 was left over from Erasmus' administration.

Suspected Link Between ASA And Rey's Syndrome

EDMONTON - A national campaign to inform parents and teenagers about Rey's syndrome and its possible link with Acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) is underway.

Almost five million copies of the pamphlet, "Rey's Syndrome, All Parents and Teenagers - Be Informed", will be distributed by Health and Welfare Canada with October Family Allowances cheques, through all pharmacies in cooperation with the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, and through doctors' offices and hospitals. The Canadian Paediatric Society collaborated in the preparation of the text.

It notes that children and teenagers who take salicylates for flu or chicken pox may be at greater risk of contracting Rey's syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal disease. A total of 11 cases has been suspected or confirmed in the first six months of 1986.

Manufacturers of ASA are now printing warnings on product labels advising consultation with a physician before giving ASA to children or teenagers with chicken pox or the flu.

Provincial health officials, medical practitioners, the Consumers Association of Canada and the Rey's Syndrome Foundation of Canada have also been asked to cooperate in informing the public.

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Band Wants Renegotiations Of NWT Exploration Rights

FORT GOOD HOPE, NWT (ANN) — The Native community here wants a full inquiry into the bidding process which gave Chevron Oil the oil exploration rights, and feels the whole matter should be reopened.

This response comes after Chevron announced it will put exploration on hold until it has community support.

But band councillor, George Barnaby, says the Fort Hope community is not satisfied with the way the matter has been handled from the beginning.

In fact, the community has contacted Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's office asking for the inquiry.

It is still awaiting a reply.

Barnaby says Chevron scored low on its bid where matters of land and resource ownership, local involvement, community control and environmental issues were concerned.

But now they are being allowed to renegotiate these aspects. If such is the case then all the previous bidders should be allowed to renegotiate their bids, says Barnaby.

The community support the Fort Good Hope/BP Resources Canada bid which was not recommended by the selection committee choosing the contractor.

In a statement issued following the announcement made by Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Bill McKnight that Chevron would get the oil exploration rights, the company stated that it won't go ahead with its plans until it has community support.

Chevron declared that it is confident a mutually acceptable agreement with the people of Good Hope can be arranged.

Calling Lake Fears Rise In Alcohol-Related Deaths

CALLING LAKE (ANN) - Residents of this isolated community, located 60 km. north of Athabasca are concerned alcohol abuse may lead to more deaths in the area unless something is done about it.

Mike Cardinal, a Calling Lake resident who submitted a brief to the Northern Alberta Development Council along with the Calling Lake Community Association, wants to have a locally administered alcohol addiction program.

Currently Calling Lake has a resident alcohol addiction counsellor who reports to the Slave Lake Friendship Centre.

Alcohol and drug abuse have contributed to 12 deaths already this year in the community of 418.

"I don't think any of the deaths were intentional, but alcohol was definitely involved," says Cardinal.

"The potential is definitely there for another Peerless Lake situation."

In that community last March, six residents died of methyl hydrate poisoning after consuming duplicating fluid.

Substance abuse is also becoming a problem among grade school students and it seems that as soon as a family is off alcohol, 95 per cent of its problems are solved, says Cardinal.

The brief also recommends stimulating local economic development through increasing the quota of sawmills and ensuring that timber manufacturing and processing occur in Calling Lake.

Cardinal estimates that the rate of unemployment among residents is between 30 and 60 per cent.

Leo Piquette, NDP MLA for the area calls the high proportion of alcohol-related deaths in the community "a shame".

He says the community has some good ideas about job creation and the government shouldn't ignore them.

If no accord were to be reached, the company said it would be prepared to hold the lands in moratorium until a successful resolution of Native land claims in the area could be arranged.

Steve Kakfwi, president of the Dene Nation says the community's call for a full inquiry and renegotiation of all bids come without previous consultation with either the Dene Nation or the NWT Metis Association.

Kakfwi was involved in the negotiations with Chevron and McKnight.

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Saving fuel costs isn't the only reason for building an energy-efficient home, Wharton stresses. There are other motivators, notably the fact that a draft-free home is more comfortable.

"You can't put a dollar value on increased comfort," he says.

The energy-efficient new home construction seminar joins the Energy Conservation Branch's range of workshops on various aspects of energy conservation. It was developed in response to the need for in-depth, technical information.

"It's designed for owner-builders or keen homeowners who would be interested in close supervision of a contractor," says Wharton. "It could also be interesting to any builders who aren't experienced in energy-efficient construction."

A team of seminar leaders throughout the province are available to present the session at the request of educational institutions or community groups who sponsor the seminar by providing a location and recruiting participants.

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Avoiding situations where you have to rush to meet a deadline is recommended. Planning your time saves fuel, improves safety and reduces wear and tear on your vehicle.

A vehicle is used more efficiently when it carries two or more people. Sharing a ride with just one other person nearly doubles the fuel economy per person. Consider as well, other transportation options such as public transit, walking or cycling. A letter or telephone call can often save a trip and time.

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Looking well ahead gives you space to slow down (with the minimum use of brakes), accelerate or change lanes safely and smoothly. Avoiding sudden speed changes, that is, avoiding hard acceleration and hard braking, saves fuel. Learning to judge traffic light times in urban areas helps, too. A red light will probably turn green before you stop if you've slowed down gradually.

Vehicles operate most efficiently at moderate, steady speeds — and last longer too. For most vehicles, optimum fuel economy is achieved at a steady speed of between 50 to 70 kph (30 to 45 mph).

Idling wastes fuel and money. To reduce idling time, avoid starting your engine until you're actually ready to go. Ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting your engine.

Good preventive maintenance can also save fuel and improve vehicle performance. For example:

Properly inflated tires reduce rolling resistance, fuel consumption and tire wear and are safer. There is a 1% saving for every 14KPa or 2 psi increase in the tire pressure up to the correct pressure.

Keeping wheels properly aligned and balanced will improve fuel economy and ride. Uneven tire wear, steering wheel vibration and steering difficulty will be reduced too.

Correctly adjusted air/fuel ratio, idle speed and ignition system are the most important engine factors for top performance and fuel economy. An overly rich air/fuel mixture caused by a sticking choke, for example, can increase fuel consumption by 30 per cent.

Using the right grade of oil for your vehicle and driving conditions can mean longer engine life and lower fuel consumption. Used properly in winter, lower viscosity multigrade oil (e.g., 5W30) will result in better fuel economy than oil with a higher viscosity (e.g., 10W30) as the engine

warms up. Engine starting in cold weather will be easier too.

A clogged air filter can waste fuel. The air filter should be cleaned or replaced as part of your vehicle's scheduled maintenance.

If your engine is running at the proper operating temperature, it will be more efficient and burn less fuel, so the cooling system should be checked and flushed as part of your vehicle's scheduled maintenance.

Just as your home heating cost can be reduced by implementing energy conservation measures, your vehicle fuel cost can be reduced too, by planning trips, using good driving practices, and properly maintaining your vehicles. For more information see the series of brochures "Top Secrets for Fuel Economy" available from: Energy Conservation Branch
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The fuel economy of different makes and models varies widely. In fact, the fuel economy of one model can vary significantly depending on the engine and transmission selected. Here are some guidelines to consider when comparing vehicles.

To avoid unnecessarily high fuel cost during the life of your vehicle, it is important to purchase a vehicle no larger than you need. Select the class (size and type) of vehicle based on how many will be riding most of the time, family size, the nature of your driving (urban, rural or highway), and what you plan to carry or to use the vehicle for. Consider buying a more fuel-efficient vehicle and renting a larger or specially vehicle if you need it on only a few occasions.

Weight is one of the major factors influencing fuel economy. Reducing the weight to half nearly doubles the fuel efficiency.

The shape of a vehicle will affect fuel efficiency. A smaller frontal area or more streamlined contours will usually lower wind resistance and improve fuel economy at highway speeds. Front-wheel drive permits more efficient use of space.

Generally, larger engine sizes mean higher fuel consumption. An engine which is either over- or under-powered for your requirements uses more fuel than necessary.

A manual transmission can reduce fuel consumption by about seven per cent and, in some cases, by as much as 20 per cent, based on Transport Canada figures. Automatic transmissions usually result in higher fuel consumption, especially in smaller vehicles, but may be safer and more economical for less skilled drivers. A transmission with a higher number of gears will generally improve fuel economy.

Because of their construction, radial tires provide four to five per cent or more fuel economy compared to bias-ply tires. Using low profile tires, if available for the type of vehicle you need, can save up to three per cent on fuel. Longer tread life can also be expected.

Propane, natural gas or diesel-fuelled vehicles may be economic alternatives for anyone who spends a significant amount each year on fuel. They become more attractive as distance travelled per year increases. (Note that diesel fuel and propane are widely available; but natural gas is not yet. There are restrictions on parking propane-fuelled vehicle in underground or enclosed parkades.) Savings of 25 to 50 per cent are possible.

Fuel economy should be considered along with the other benefits and costs of each option being evaluated.

A block heater reduces fuel consumption four to eight per cent during warm-up by allowing you to start with a warmer engine in winter. To conserve electrical energy, an automatic timer can be used to turn on the power to the block heater for two to three hours before driving. Also available are thermostatic control devices.

Using an air conditioner can increase fuel consumption by more than 10 per cent in stop-and-go driving and three to four per cent at highway speeds. Even when not in use, the extra weight of the air conditioner can exact a one to two per cent penalty. To save fuel with an air conditioner, use moderate settings and turn it off when not needed.

A small turbo-charged engine can be more fuel-efficient than a larger engine without a turbo charger.

Manual steering can result in a one to three per

cent saving over power steering.

Cruise control may save some fuel, depending on the driver's skill.

Both installation and use of electrical devices reduce fuel economy. The importance increases with the weight, the amount of electrical power the device draws and how often it is used.

Following these tips when purchasing a new or used vehicle can result in significant monthly fuel savings.

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Is your attic getting enough air?

Proper ventilation is essential in an attic. Otherwise, moisture will accumulate and condense, damaging insulation and causing wood sheathing, rafters and trusses to deteriorate.

At its most basic level, ventilating your attic is essentially a matter of cutting a few holes — a little alarming for those of you who might think that holes in the roof are bound to mean a loss of heat.

However, unless you live in your attic, any heat that has escaped from the rest of the house to your attic is lost to you anyway. So installing a few strategically placed vents will not affect your heating bills provided you have adequate insulation and have sealed all cracks between the attic and the rest of the house.

Passive roof vents function well, are easy to install and have no mechanical parts to maintain which makes them a convenient and cost-effective ventilation system. They can be either screened or louvered.

The recommended minimum ventilation for attics varies according to the type of roof and increases with the size of the area to be vented. More vent area, for instance, is required for a home with a flat roof than for one with a peaked roof.

Positioning the vents is also important to ensure good air flow. In a home with soffit venting, warm air rises and escapes through the upper vents and cooler outside air enters at the eaves. So half the vents should be installed in the gable ends or on the roof peak and half under the eaves.

In addition to passive vents, electric fans or turbine vents are also available to improve ventila-

tion in your home. Turbine vents that rotate only when the wind pushes against them are less expensive and not as noisy as electrically powered attic fans.

Ironically, there is some evidence that installing an attic fan may be counterproductive, particularly if you own a new home with high levels of insulation between the attic and the living spaces.

With more insulation, the attic space becomes colder, making it more difficult for moisture to evaporate. If a fan is installed improperly, without an air barrier between it and the living spaces below and with inadequate soffit venting, it may actually create a vacuum in the attic space.

This will draw more moisture into the attic from the house — moisture that is (because of the cold temperature) more difficult to get rid of.

The resulting frost build-up during winter months could remain in the attic during warm weather, when the combination of high temperatures and moisture creates ideal conditions for the growth of decay organisms.

Installing a vapour barrier on the heated side of the insulation and sealing all the holes and joints will help prevent household moisture from penetrating the attic and condensation from occurring.

As well as preventing decay, proper ventilation can help keep your house cooler in summer and cut down on your electricity bills if you have air conditioning. For both comfort and economy, it's worth making sure your attic has all the air it needs.

Energy Matters

"Energy conservation has been a catch phrase in North America for over a decade; but for many homeowners, the phrase still conjures up an image of a lifestyle that is decidedly severe: family members huddling in goose-down bags, with the thermostat turned down and the cough medicine close at hand.

This image of discomfort has not always resulted in a rejection of the energy conservation concept, but discomfort of another kind has often resulted for homeowners who try to save money through home renovations and new heating techniques. There are those long, dark drives on cold winter nights to attend "do-it-yourself" courses, and the harried searches through libraries for technical information. Even in cases where money is no object, new-home buyers have often been disappointed with builders who find it difficult to keep up with technological developments in residential energy matters.

A happy solution to this problem is now available to Albertans. Homeowners and builders in Alberta have access to a central pool of the most current information on matters of energy — products, techniques, services, and financing — through the toll-free "Energy Matters" hotline provided by the Energy Conservation Branch of Alberta Energy and Natural Resources. The people at the other end of the hotline are professionals. Jeff Bradshaw is one of them.

"My job is to keep abreast of the latest research and development on residential energy matters," said Bradshaw. "In the fall and winter, we are armed with information on winterizing homes, interior retrofitting, insulation techniques, furnaces and windows. In summer we get more questions on new-home construction from builders and on retrofitting techniques and products from owners" he said.

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Let's Answer Some Underlying Questions

We all want to be sure our house has its best footing forward — hence the interest in the relative merits of preserved wood foundations vs. concrete foundations.

Concrete has long dominated the market, and its durability and strength are substantial advantages. However, preserved wood foundations have considerable attractions as well, notably the comfort, warmth and ease of installation they offer.

A preserved wood foundation is simply an extension of the familiar wood frame house below the ground. Below grade, stud walls and floor are built from wood which has been pressure treated with preservative chemicals to prevent decay.

Exterior walls below grade are covered with polyethylene and sealed at the top edge. The foundation sits on a pad of gravel, crushed stone or coarse sand that extends under the entire house to assist with drainage.

Alberta's building code requires that a professional engineer be involved in the design and construction of this type of foundation.

"If the standards are followed there is no reason for preserved wood foundations to fail," says Paul Mousseau of the Alberta Labour Building Standards Branch, adding that any problems he has seen have been brought about by people trying to cut corners.

"A number of people have tried to be do-it-yourselfers and they don't have the expertise," he says.

Terry Brown of Brown Engineering has been involved in the design of about 2,500 housing units using preserved wood foundations and says he has seen virtually no problems with them when designed and constructed properly.

Potential problems involve soil backfill pressure and control of groundwater, but Brown has found that a six inch layer of three-quarter inch rock around the foundation provides very efficient drainage and avoids a build-up of water pressure.

If the foundation is designed properly, he sees no problem using this type of construction in any location, although special precautions have to be taken in soft soils or clay and on slopes where one wall will be exposed.

"In some of the rural areas the majority of the housing starts are using preserved wood," Brown says.

Wood basements are easier and less expensive to insulate and finish because extra framing is not required. You simply have to install the proper thickness of insulation, an air/vapour barrier and an interior finish.

They are also easier to install. Construction can take place in any season as the quality of the foundation is not affected by weather conditions. Prefabrication is possible. Finally, wood basements provide precious extra living space, since they are thinner than a concrete-plus-framing foundation.

Disadvantages include the cost of hiring a professional engineer for design and construction supervision. Care must be taken during backfilling to avoid puncturing the polyethylene covering on the exterior walls and the walls must be braced properly at the top and bottom to withstand the pressure.

As well, the availability of materials may be limited and competent contractors may be scarce in some areas.

The main concern about preserved wood foundations tends to be, "Yes, but will they last?" In fact, housing units in Ottawa built 25 years ago are still in excellent condition. Current estimates of the lifetime of a preserved wood foundation range from 70 to 200 years.

Many people will continue to feel more comfortable about the durability of concrete,

although concrete foundations have their own disadvantages.

These include high costs for ready-mix in remote areas and the effect of weather conditions on construction. As well, the size of window openings in concrete foundations is limited and changes are difficult after construction. Interior finishing is difficult and more involved than with wood foundations.

Unless installed properly, concrete basements can crack in unstable soils.

So it seems that, regardless of the type of construction, the real foundation for a good foundation is proper installation.

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Get A Grip On Utility Costs

"Gosh, we're spending a lot of money on utilities — we'd better start turning the heat down."

Certainly utility costs have increased during the past decade, and in Alberta's climate we are accustomed to thinking of heating as our biggest home energy need. But other utilities take a big slice of the budgetary pie, so cutting back on space heating costs isn't the only way to keep utility costs from gobbling up more than their share of the household budget.

According to Goldie Edworthy of Alberta Energy and Natural Resources, Energy Conservation Branch, the average natural gas utility bill in Alberta is just under \$600, of which 80 per cent, or about \$480, went on space heating. The average electricity cost was just under \$250 for the year and the average cost for water and sewer was about \$140, making an average total utility costs of \$990.

In other words, heating the average Edmonton home took less than half the money spent on utilities. The actual costs for other communities and rural areas in Alberta vary, but the general rationale is the same.

Obviously, turning down the heat — and increasing insulation levels — will help keep the bills down. But to make the most of possible savings, homeowners have to be aware of their utility use as a whole.

Some fairly simple conservation steps can result in savings of about 10 per cent a year on your electric costs. The refrigerator, for example, is the heaviest home energy consumer. It uses more than a fifth of the electricity used in the average home each month. There are a variety of ways to keep this consumption to a minimum.

These include such things as cooling hot foods before putting them in the fridge, keeping the door gasket clean and replacing it if it is not sealing tightly, and locating the fridge away from sources of heat like sunlight or the stove. Similar steps should be used to keep the costs down for freezers.

One basic principle in saving electricity is: don't make appliances work any harder than they have to.

For instance, keep furnace filters clean so that the fan (which uses about 15 per cent of the electric energy in an average home) works most efficiently. Vacuum the dust off the condenser coils at the back of the fridge at least once a year. Keep the lint catcher in an electric dryer free from lint.

Another principle in saving electricity is, "don't use it when you don't need it."

That means turning off unnecessary lights or using timers on lights when the house is empty. It means not using a block heater to heat a car all night when three to four hours is sufficient. Once again, a timer can be used to save energy.

Homeowners are often not aware of how much they can save in water and sewage costs.

Of the 750 litres of water consumed in the typical household each day, 600 litres are used in the bathroom — half of which is used for toilet flushing.

One simple and effective way of saving on water utility costs is to install a toilet dam, which can reduce the amount of water needed or each flush by up to 50 per cent while maintaining the water level needed for a toilet to operate. This can translate into savings of about \$36 a year.

Showering uses about 150 litres of water — and, more expensively, hot water — each day in the average house.

The most inexpensive way of reducing this is to install a flow restrictor in the existing shower head. Alternatively, the homeowner can install a new low-flow shower head that gives a more satisfying spray but uses only half the water consumed by a conventional shower head.

Altogether, there are hundreds of ways of saving energy in the home. Most call for a little common sense and thoughtfulness about when, where and why the energy is being used.

Taken as a whole, they help homeowners get a grip on utility costs.

For more information on these and other ways of saving energy, call the Energy Matters hotline of the Energy Conservation Branch by dialing 0 and asking for ZENITH 22339 (427-4300 in Edmonton.)

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The booklets are designed as workbooks and written in a non-technical, easy-to-read style. They include practical information not only on reducing energy costs, but also on improving safety, vehicle performance and reliability and extending engine life.

"Transportation is a major area for potential cost saving by businesses with vehicle fleets," says Doug MacLean, co-ordinator of transportation programs for the branch. "Fuel savings of 10 to 20 per cent are achievable with no- and low-cost changes".

The booklets are designed to assist management in setting up a comprehensive fuel and vehicle cost control program. Reasonable goals are suggested, the potential savings shown and follow-up checklists are provided. Necessary technical information is

included and, MacLean adds, "More help, such as a vehicle fleet Energy Audit, is available upon request and at no charge".

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Guide Compares Fuel Consumption

Motorists thinking about buying a new car should check out *Transport Canada's Fuel Consumption Guide* first. The annual guide provides average fuel consumption data for most makes of automobiles, light trucks, van and special purpose vehicles available in Canada.

The data, which was provided by vehicle manufacturers and importers, is expressed in terms of miles per gallon and litres per 100 kilometres in city, highway and combined driving situations.

Vehicles are listed alphabetically by manufacturer, as well as in order of fuel efficiency.

Many Albertans have already had the opportunity to use the data in the guide to compare their own cars with 1986 models on fuel efficiency. The Energy Conservation Branch has put data from the guide into a computer which it exhibited at the spring International Auto and Truck Shows in Edmonton and Calgary. Visitors were invited to put fuel consumption figures from their own cars into the computer and compare them with the newer models. On average, participants discovered they could save about 16 to 17 per cent on fuel costs when buying a 1986 car, according to Doug MacLean, co-ordinator of transportation programs for the branch.

MacLean said that the 900 people who participated at the Edmonton show said they spend a total of \$1,077,806 annually on fuel for their vehicles. The computer showed they could save a total of \$168,625 per year by purchasing new cars which were more energy efficient.

A comparison of the Fuel Consumption guides over the past several years shows that cars are getting progressively more fuel efficient, MacLean says. "The Civic and VW Rabbit diesel," he points out. "The guide lists 18 1986 models that get 50 mpg or more."

The guides are available through the Energy Conservation Branch, as well as through Motor Vehicle branches, Treasury Branches and participating car dealers throughout the province. They are also available from Energy, Mines and Resources Canada.

For further information, contact:

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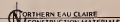
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To help you assess your present heating system and, if necessary, help you choose new equipment that is both cost-efficient and energy-efficient, the Energy Conservation Branch of Alberta Energy and Natural Resources has booklets entitled *Selecting a Heating System and Heating System Maintenance*. If you would like free copies of these booklets or have questions regarding heating systems, call *Energy Matters*, Alberta's residential energy hotline by dialing 0 and asking the operator for ZENITH 22339 (427-4300 in Edmonton.)

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In modern homes, combustion appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, and fireplaces — along with such devices as clothes dryers and kitchen fans — expel a tremendous volume of

air from a house every hour. Unless provision is made for replacement of an adequate supply of fresh air, both the structure of the home and the health of the occupants can be seriously impaired. "Backdrafting" is a common example of the hazards produced by poor ventilation. Caused by an insufficient number of fresh air ducts, this particular hazard occurs when lowered air pressure inside the house permits outside air pressure to force combustion gases back through the chimney. Other problems result-

ing from inadequate ventilation are indoor pollutants and excessive moisture.

Some outstanding research and development has been applied to these problems by government agencies, professional associations and private manufacturers. But the average homeowner finds his head spinning in the midst of building codes, engineering standards, health warnings and new product developments.

This situation has now been put into perspective in a small booklet, *Ventilating Your Home*, published by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources, Energy Conservation Branch. In 19 pages, the engineers at the Energy Conservation Branch have succeeded in providing a technical manual for do-it-yourselfers, combined with a consumers' guide for homeowners who need ventilation products and services. Those who wish to modify their existing ventilation system will find clear instructions for such techniques as addition of new ductwork and humidistat controls. New-home builders and others who are interested in new technology will find descriptions of heat recovery ventilators, along with information to assist in locating reliable products and competent service personnel.

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Ventilating Your Home, one of a series of booklets on residential energy matters, is available through the toll-free Energy Matters hotline of the Energy Conservation Branch. To request your free copy, dial 0 and ask the operator for ZENITH 22339. In Edmonton, call 427-4300. The sod hut is out. Fresh air is in.

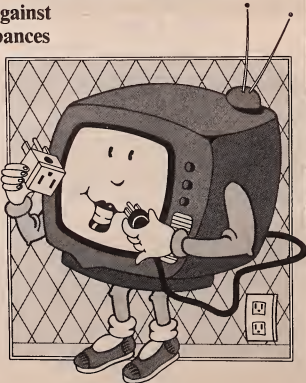
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If that's a decision you've made, you should take the opportunity to upgrade the insulation while you're at it. Re-siding for the sake of energy conservation is an expensive proposition, but if you have to re-side for other reasons, it is an ideal time to decrease your heating costs and increase the comfort level of your home.

About 40 per cent of the total siding market is re-siding, according to Ron Robinson of Insultec, and about 75 to 80 per cent of the people who re-side add insulation.

If you heat your home with natural gas, you can save between \$100 and \$200 per year on your bill by sealing leaks and adding 40mm to 50mm of rigid insulation. Insulating an average house costs about \$900, Ron estimates, so the payback takes about nine years.

"It's becoming the standard procedure to insulate if you are re-siding," he says, "and the extra money is well spent."

There are a variety of re-siding options. Insulated sheathing with strapping is the most popular choice according to Ron. The average costs to re-side and insulate a 1200 square foot house using this method is between \$5500 and \$6000, including the insulation, siding, soffits and fascia, eaves-troughing and window capping.

You do get what you pay for, according to Ron, so compare pro-

ducts. Most insulating product companies like Dow and Esso can be contacted directly for information. He also recommends reading government brochures such as those published by Alberta's Energy Conservation Branch and advises homeowners to check with the Better Business Bureau before they sign a contract.

Re-siding is not like planting a few tulips. It's a fairly expensive proposition and a long-term improvement to your property. Ron advises homeowners not to scrimp on strapping. It only costs about \$150 more to have wooden strapping nailed into the studs so the new siding can be attached to a strong surface rather than nailed to the existing siding.

"One of the reasons people re-side is because the stucco is falling off," says Ron, "so it doesn't make sense to attach the new siding to it — if their stucco ever lets go, everything is going to come with it."

Inspect the work in progress to make sure the agreed-upon materials are being used, that the sealing is done properly and that all aspects of the job are completed. The aluminum capping around windows can be ugly if it is not bent and applied properly.

As Ron says, "You have to look at the house for the next twenty years so you want to make sure it's done right."

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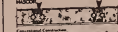
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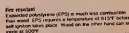
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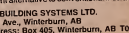
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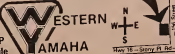
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Native Politics Differ

by Everett Lambert

Once you begin to study Canadian Native politics you begin to see just what a dynamic situation it really is. This is why Natives have views that sometimes conflict with one another. You can't just throw us all into one big pot and expect us all to blend in. We have always lived in a land of many cultures. Part of our problems come from the stereotyping we experience, which is a result of narrow-mindedness.

When one native disagrees with another, especially in the political arena, they usually have good reasons for harbouring conflicting views. You can't just

say "Oh there's just a couple of Indians fighting again."

So when one chief from Hobbema or another one from Enoch wants exclusive control of membership, since finance is indeed a big question in these cases, these guys have damn good reason to be concerned. There really are people who abuse the Indian Act to their advantage.

Or, when another non-stus woman who has been abandoned to single parenthood wishes to return her family to the possibly more secure life of the reserve, and can't, she too has good reason to want equality.

Each case is very different. So we can't

expect one law to tidily fit into place everywhere in this huge country of ours. Since the individual band is the best authority on their membership, it is only right that they themselves look after it, and there's no reason why an individual shouldn't be able to turn to a higher court if he feels he is being mistreated.

I feel it would be better if the Indians were allowed to make the important decisions that affect them. There is no one who can better choose the correct lives to live for the Natives than the Natives themselves. We don't need anyone to run our lives. As Wilf McDougall, the then

president of the Indian Association of Alberta, once said, as David Crombie stood by his side, "This is a pretty cocky little man here . . . in power for a few months and he's an expert on Indians already."

Our feelings are that we do not need anyone to run our lives — and this is one thing agreed upon by all native people.

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The Holy See's budget covers the Curia, the central bureaucracy of the Roman Catholic Church. The Curia includes departments overseeing the church's religious, diplomatic and social affairs, as well as its radio station, newspaper and pub-

lishing house.

The Holy See's income for the past year was the equivalent of about \$62.5 million (Canadian), and expenses totalled the equivalent of about \$117.1 million (Canadian). Add it all up and you'll find a deficit of about \$54.6 million.

The deficit in 1984 was the equivalent of about \$39.2 million Canadian.

The deficit will be covered in part by Peter's Pence, the annual contribution taken up in churches around the world for the Pope's use, and by dipping into income from Vatican properties.

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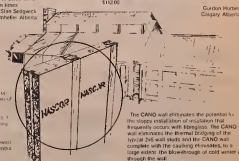
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Legal Opinins Conflict Over Reserve Leases

WINNIPEG (ANN) — There are conflicting legal opinions upon the proprieties of Indian Affairs employees or their immediate families leasing cottage lots on surrendered reserve land.

While two Manitoba employees of the department have been allowed to lease land following a special order-in-council, two others have done so in their wives names without the special permission.

This development has been partly supported by government grants to the Buffalo Point Development Corporation, a company owned by the southeast Manitoba Buffalo Point Indian Band.

Back in 1983, a lawyer for the federal Justice department concluded that an Indian Affairs employee would be in violation of the Indian Act if someone from the immediate family obtained a lease on surrendered reserve land without an order-in-council.

But, in 1984 another lawyer concluded that an order-in-council was not needed if the lease was obtained in the wife's name.

This reserve land was surrendered by the Buffalo Point Band to make way for 430 cottage sites close to Lake of the Woods.

The development corporation, which the band controls, is selling 42-year leases on the sites. So far it has sold 225 leases for \$22,000 each.

One of the Indian Affairs employees who leased this land in his wife's name says he tried to obtain an order-in-council, in 1984, but was told it wasn't necessary if the lease was put in his wife's name.

John Eardley, currently the director of band-support programs bought the lease in 1982 for \$12,000 paying \$4,000 down.

John Thunder, general manager of the Buffalo Point Development Corporation said it had received some assistance from Eardley, who served as a liaison between the group and the federal government. He said Eardley helped the corpora-

tion receive a \$19,000 grant which was used to pay for a garbage dump used for the cottages and the reserve.

In 1983, the government had asked lawyer Craig Harrison to determine whether an Indian Affairs employee would be violating the act if he, or a member of his immediate family obtained a lease on surrendered land without an order-in-council.

Henderson replied such would be necessary. But, more than a year later, a second Justice Department counsel gave another opinion.

That counsel has since died and is unable to explain the apparent contradiction between the first opinion and the second.

Another Justice Department lawyer, says he has nothing in his file which would indicate why the government decided to follow the second opinion instead of the first.

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Fort Simpson Bids For High School

FORT SIMPSON (ANN) — Residents here have started a drive to bring a regional high school to their community.

Members of the Deh Cho Regional Council told Dennis Patterson, minister of education, that they want their own school in Fort Simpson, because Yellowknife is too far away and too populated.

As well, Fort Simpson is a Slavey community, thus closer to those represented by the council.

In this, they were supported by Peter Fraser, representative of the Shitika Regional Council, who stated that while there weren't enough students to support a high school in their region, indications were that the community would support sending them to a Slavey school.

Several options are open to the government, which is expect-

ed to make its decision soon.

Besides the Fort Simpson proposal, another one, brought forward by the Roman Catholic Church in Fort Smith, is to re-open Grandin College for out of town students.

Another possibility is to create a regional high school in Fort Simpson, while leaving a few places open in Fort Smith.

Fort Smith Regional Education Superintendent George Demeule says the latter option would be acceptable to the Fort Smith community as their intention was to accommodate only those students from Snowdrift and Fort Resolution.

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Glenbow Museum Giving Misleading Facts - Ominayak

by Jim Crow

Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak has charged that Calgary's Glenbow Museum is purposefully misleading foreign museums about the band's boycott of a Glenbow exhibition of Indian artifacts.

Ominayak recently received a letter from Jean-Loup Rousselet, curator of a museum in Munich, West Germany. In it, Rousselet wrote that he had "received a letter from (Glenbow director) Duncan Cameron . . . who told us that his museum had reached an agreement with your band, and that we should send our specimens."

Ominayak clearly stated that his band had not reached any compromise with the museum. The Lubicon band is pursuing an

international boycott of all facets of the 1988 Winter Olympics including the Glenbow exhibition.

Ominayak did say that he met with officials of the museum earlier this year, but that nothing had been resolved. "We've learned to expect such remarks and letters, and a lot of false statements from these people."

Many Olympic executives regard the \$2.6 million exhibit, *Forget Not My World*, as the flagship of the Olympic Games. Glenbow has asked for the co-operation of about 100 museums around the world to loan some 500 Indian artifacts.

On repeated occasions, Ominayak has charged that it is hypocritical for the Games to glorify the cultural past of Canadian Indians with a museum

exhibit, while the Alberta government will not bargain in good faith on land claim issues.

Ralph Klein, Calgary mayor, said it was unfortunate the Olympic Games are using an event promoting peace, understanding and good sportsmanship to help resolve a principally political issue. Klein said he is ready to meet with the Lubicon "at any time".

In the letter Glenbow Director Cameron sent to the chief curator of the National Museum of Denmark, he stated that the denial of artifacts to the Calgary museum is tantamount to interference in Canadian

affairs.

The letter went on to state that the refusal to send the artifacts could be interpreted as a "political position in relation to the domestic affairs of this country, which I am sure you and I would both agree would be inappropriate."

Cameron also wrote that the boycott is the work of "overzealous and well-meaning ethnologists in Canada and the United States".

Just last month, both the Indian and Metis associations of Alberta gave their full support to the boycott by sending out letters of their own to curators around the world.

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Higher Profile For Native Education

BONNYVILLE (ANN) The Lakeland Catholic Board of Education wants to give its Native Education program a higher profile in the years to come.

Although the program has attracted the attention of Alberta Education, the board feels it hasn't been publicized enough.

At a recent meeting, trustee Phyllis Collins, a resident of the Elizabeth Metis Settlement, located 20 kilometers east of here, said that many parents had told her they were unaware of it.

Trustee Collins was re-elected in the recent elections held.

Board superintendent Bob Lowery said Alberta Education officials were impressed with the program held at Notre Dame Elementary School in Bonnyville when it was outlined to them by the school's principal, Ray Lamoreaux.

There are plans to expand the program to other schools in the area's jurisdiction.

Approximately 20

per cent of the Catholic students in the area are Natives.

The Lakeland Catholic School Board has direct jurisdiction over the Elizabeth Settlement School.

Although both Kehewin and Cold Lake Reserves have their own schools, many of the children attend classes in the nearby towns of Bonnyville, Cold Lake and Grand Centre.

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Kehewin Finances In Dispute

by Sy Sims

An angry Alberta Indian group, suspicious of their own band's deficit, has applied through the Access of Information Act for a detailed account of their finances.

Seventy-five Kehewin band members initiated the proceedings.

But Kehewin chief Gordon Gadwa said disgruntled members are totally misinformed, and are free to examine audits and other financial records at the band office "any time they want to".

"Every year it's been my habit to give a complete audited statement to band members," remarked Gadwa. "Since the audit was done, the deficit has actually gone down by

about \$200,000, and hopefully by the end of the fiscal year, we'll be out of the deficit situation."

At a general meeting held this past July, Chief Gadwa said the 900-member band's deficit was nearly \$600,000, a tally that band member Harry Watchmaker says shows "very poor management and planning." Personal loans owed to the band, and several money-losing businesses comprise a sizeable portion of the debt.

The renegade group is also against an \$85,000 self-government proposal recently forwarded by Gadwa to the Department of Indian Affairs. The proposal is for assistance in implementing a financial system free of department involve-

ment.

A telex sent to Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight has failed to get much attention, said Watchmaker. Ken Williams, the

Indian Affairs department's director of regional communications, said that there was "no evidence to warrant our involvement".



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- Grade Four: Trudy Olds from Old Sun
Community School,
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- Grade Five: Sarah Sloan from Kinuso
School, Kinuso, Alberta
- Grade Six: Peter Meneen from mthe
North Tall Cree School, Fort
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The judging took place at the Alberta Indian
Arts and Crafts Society office on October 29,
1986. Jane Ash Poitras and Roy Jack Salopree,
well known Canadian native artists,
deliberated for three hours before a final selection
from each grade level was made. The art
work was selected from 23 schools and 517
pieces were entered. The jury's selections were
on display at the Edmonton Convention
Centre during the National Show and Sale of
Canadian Native Arts and Crafts on November
7, 8, and 9, 1986. Each Grade winner
received art supplies and a first place ribbon.
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Native Arts and Crafts focussed on Alberta's
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Economic Proposals Receive Attention

ATHABASCA (ANN) — The economic proposals of the Calling Lake brief have merit, says the chairman of the Northern Alberta Development Council.

The NADP is looking closely at the proposals which call for impetus to the fishing and timber industries in the area and will meet with forestry and federal fishing officials before Christmas, says Bob Elliott, who is also the Progressive Conservative MLA for Grande Prairie.

"These industries are natural to the area."

Elliott admits that a lot of the alcohol and drug abuse in the area is related to the economy.

"If people are unemployed and have nothing to do and are on welfare, then there will probably be a lot of spinoff problems associated with it."

However, the concerns expressed by the resident regarding recent deaths attributed to alcohol abuse among other causes do not surprise him.

"We pick up a brief like that at almost every public meeting we hold in the north," he says.

Unfortunately, he added, the problem is not that simple.

"I don't have an answer. Maybe if we had an answer, we'd have a solution."

In the brief, residents of Calling Lake express concern about the growing problem of alcohol and drug abuse.

Twelve recent deaths in the community have been alcohol-related and they fear that a disaster similar to Peorless Lake may occur.

There, 6 people recently died after consuming duplicating fluid.

Elliott says these problems are common to the north and cross all ethnic lines.

"I don't want to suggest for one minute that it's only the Native community," he says.

Elliott added that alcohol and drug abuse leads to many social problems including wife beating, child abuse and house fires.

The government is building a drug-abuse treatment centre in Grande Prairie, so that northern residents will not have to travel south to get treatment, but until that time, they will have to go to Calgary, or Edmonton, he says.

The NADP is a 10-member council which includes two MLA's.

It is a government-created information-gathering body which can make recommendations to government, but has not power to authorize spending.

College Project A Boon To Native Students

by Hy Chaparral

The Lethbridge Community College library will soon be expanding its resource base to accommodate Native students.

Serving all L.C.C. campuses, the Niitsitapii Project — formally entitled *Computerized Collection Development For Native Culture Heritage* — will be a huge boon to native students.

The project is approaching the end of the first phase, and already a bibliography has been completed cataloging more than 500 titles of books, as well as other resources such as video tapes, recording tapes and much more.

Project supervisor Edecio Carrasco is very optimistic the project will be highly successful. He said he received a good response from a survey given to all native students.

"Things were quite shakey to begin with," said Carrasco. "At first, students weren't interested in filling them in because of a lack of interest. But we got a lot more as the deadline approached."

Currently, there are more than 600 native students at the L.C.C. campus — the single largest ethnic group in the school.

Part of the reason for the survey was to determine why so many native kids drop out of school. Just a few years ago, less than 1% of active children obtained a high school diploma.

A native Chelean, Carrasco has been living in Canada for some time now, so he's aware of the problems facing native students when trying to adapt in a non-native culture.

In addition to Carrasco, the project leaders include Maxine Willows, Rebecca Big Canoe, Joanne Healy, Ricy Chief Calf and Rita Eagle Child.

The Niitsitapii Project has been sponsored in part by a Canada Works Project grant. The next phase of the project, already in progress, will be to assess all surveys through computer analysis.

L.C.C. library supervisor Kathy Lea helped put the project together. "Students were asking questions on where to find this or that when we didn't even have them. We were lacking native resources, as well as cultural and historical items," she said.

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CALGARY (ANN) — The old question of "where's the beef?" may soon be replaced with "whatever happened to Bambi?"

But the idea of Disney's immortal deer ending up between buns has got Alberta's hunters in a sizzle, and the provincial government is getting the raw onions.

A discussion paper released by Forestry and Wildlife Minister Don Sparrow, and Agriculture Minister Peter Elzinga last month advocates game ranching.

This means elk, moose, deer would be raised behind enclosures for sale as commercial meat.

Currently, wild meat (except for buffalo raised in a few feedlots) cannot be sold for meat.

The paper says Native groups and farmers are eager to

take advantage of the ready supply of meat and the attractive prices which can be had for these products.

Like elk are currently worth \$3,000 to \$5,000 an animal, states the report. By comparison a market worth beef animal brings between \$800 and \$1,000.

But this idea is roundly opposed by game hunters in the province.

"They're taking a public resource and giving it to the private sector," says Lyle Fullerton, executive director of the Alberta Fish and Game Association.

"We saw what happened to the buffalo — it's now got the same status as a Hereford cow. We're not going to stand for the rest of the wildlife going the way of the bison."

If such legislation were passed, farmers would be able to cap-

ture breeding stock further reducing the present herds of elk, he says.

What particularly irks Fullerton is that the Alberta group is listed as supporting game ranching because it is a member of the Canadian Wildlife Federation which endorses the United Nations conservation strategy which approves game ranching.

He points out that the UN document deals only with game ranching in third world countries.

"We have never supported game ranching in Alberta and the government is well aware of this," he says. "The politicians are just grasping at straws, trying to show they have some support for this. It's a deliberate

attempt to mislead the public."

Jay Litke, executive assistant to Sparrow, says the government is aware the provincial association opposes game ranching, but notes that they are an affiliate of an organization that did endorse it in one form.

He says the government is not promoting game ranching, but has merely issued a discussion paper in order to get public response to the proposal. He added that this idea has a lot of support among Metis groups and farmers who believe that agriculturally marginal lands could be used to raise the wildlife.

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W.I.N.G.A. Executive Announced

by Jerry Garcia

Dave McDonald from the Enoch reserve has been elected as president of the Western Indian Native Gold Association (WINGA). Club elections were held recently at the Annual Assembly in Wetaskiwin.

McDonald will be replacing outgoing president Peter Many Wounds, who declined running for a second term.

McDonald won the presidency in a two-man race against Duane Mistaken Chief. Other executives elected to the board included: Northern zone representative, Ernie Cardinal; Yellowhead representative, Louis Raine; Central zone representative Clara Loyer, and Southern zone representative Duane Mistaken Chief.

All were elected by acclamation.

A number of concerns were raised about the operations involved throughout the season. One of the sore spots of WINGA is their junior program, and the assembly agreed something must be done to remedy the situation. More golf clinics for younger golfers will help many more natives develop a knack for the game. But Willie Littlechild remarked that funding could not be counted on the Native Secretariat.

WINGA members agreed to set up a committee to examine the rules governing their sport. In particular, the panel will look at the rule requiring WINGA members to play tournaments in all four zones in order to qualify for the championship in all categories. The rule has definitely drawn resentment from a large number of golfers, and many others say they won't be back next year if the rule isn't changed.

In other golf news, WINGA presented their first Honourary Lifetime Member award to the incomparable Andy Fox of the Blood Reserve. Fox was given a golf bag, travel cover and a laminated membership card.

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Life Skills Crucial In Business World

by Sy Sims

Theresa Newman has been making dreams come true for herself for most of her life. Now she's like to see other native men and women experience the same thing.

Though an independent, ambitious woman, Theresa nevertheless has a low key style. She knows she can't appear to be too aggressive or strident, especially as a native Indian woman, she says.

Now in her mid 30s, Theresa's driving ambition is to help support other qualified native Indians break into the corporate world. It's a struggle Newman understands all too well.

In her new job working with Employment and Immigration Canada, Newman would like to open a personnel, placement and training centre for native Indians in Vancouver.

"I want to let people know there are qualified native employees out there," she said. "Many native graduates just disappear. Instead of working in the fields they graduated in, they disappear. Some return to the reserves to work in something very comfortable and known. Very few ever apply to big corporations. You don't see native Indian executives."

An Unusual Upbringing

Born and raised in California, Newman had 10 brothers and sisters. At age 11 she was raped, and while attending high school, spent almost three years going through court proceedings. At 18, she left home because her parents forbade her to go to university.

A colourful and unusual path eventually took her to Marina Del Ray, Beverly Hills, and finally to the Squamish Indian band in British Columbia.

Education Committee Meets

EDMONTON - The Minister's Advisory Committee on Native Peoples' Education, chaired by Frances Hanna, will conduct two public meetings in Southern Alberta during the month of November.

The first meeting will be held in the Travelodge Motor Inn, 1100 Redcliff Drive S.W., Medicine Hat, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17th.

The second meeting will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18th, at the Sik-o-okotok Friendship Centre, 10, 535 - 13 Street North, Lethbridge.

The Committee deals with opportunities for Alberta's native peoples within the regular school system, the post-secondary school system and the employment field. At past meetings the Committee has considered and made recommend-

ations on a variety of topics including native peoples' language instruction in school curriculums, Indian Band schools, job readiness, life skills training and services available to native students attending university.

After meeting with concerned groups, both publicly and privately, the Committee advises both Dave Russell, Minister of Advanced Education and Nancy Betkowski, Minister of Education on the issues brought to its attention. A course of action may be suggested by the Committee in dealing with a particular group or individual.

Groups, associations or individuals wishing to meet with or submit proposals to the Minister's Advisory Committee on Native Peoples' Education should telephone Ken McKenna, Executive Secretary of the Committee (collect), at 297-6333 in Calgary.



Theresa Newman

Before taking on her current position, Newman has worked as a competitive springboard diver, a dental hygienist, a karate instructor, a "community mom", and a certified life-saver.

Newman said she'll focus her energies on job re-entry, tapping into the universities to search for people who went to school, but never looked for jobs related to their studies because of fear and ignorance of the business world.

"They may have the degrees, but they don't have the life skills, and this is how my service will help," she said. The necessary fundamentals she teaches include resume writing, dressing for success, interviewing techniques, and other basic skills.

Explained Newman: "Indians are educated, funded and housed, but what they need are clear directions. They need role models, they need credibility, pride and respectability. Native Indians just aren't seen as respectable or presentable, and that is a very major problem. They must turn around that image to be accepted into business."

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Band Members Challenge B.C. Chief

by Sy Sims

Angry members of the Neskane Indian band in British Columbia remained locked inside the band office for several days last month, saying they no longer recognize Bob Manuel as their chief. The members are demanding they themselves take control of the band's money.

Spokesman Henry Saul said that from now on, his group is going to prepare cheques for all band members, and demand that Chief Manuel sign

them.

Incensed, Manuel warned the protestors that the council could well freeze all the band's assets. And the council did hold a special general assembly the day after the lock-in began.

Despite the outward show of force, Manuel indicated neither he nor the council has any thoughts of resigning.

He also noted the council cautioned members that the reserve's services, including financial responsibilities, will begin to disintegrate if administrative staff aren't allowed back in the offices.

Manuel also contended the occupation may have been an election ploy because Saul wants to run as a can-

didate in band elections.

Bob Manuel's father, George Manuel, was among the protestors.

Saul reiterated that the present brand of self-government Chief Manuel is negotiating for is in reality "the termination of our aboriginal rights in exchange for program money."

Sechelt Agreement Suicidal

by Sy Sims

The president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs charged last month that Canada's aboriginal peoples are committing "political, cultural and economic suicide" by accepting Ottawa's description of self-government prior to recognition of aboriginal title and rights.

Speaking to well

over 100 people at the union's 18th annual general assembly in Vancouver, Saul Terry scorned recent federal legislation authorizing self-government for the Sechelt Indian band.

The new legislation will give the band title to existing reserve lands and administrative powers similar to a municipality. However, neither title to traditional lands, nor self-government is absolutely autonomous.

Said Terry: "I see precedent-setting, municipal-type legislation being railroaded through the House of

Commons under the ghastly pretence of being the first genuine model of Indian self-government.

"Unless our aboriginal title is recognized, we cannot have self-determination," he added.

Stan Dixon, Sechelt Band Chief, has constantly held firm in the belief the self-government model adopted by his band does not oblige any other band to follow with the same type of government.



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Councils Seeking Road Extension

by Hy Chaparral

Two Yukon regional councils are preparing to work together to ensure the MacKenzie Highway is extended from Wrigley to Fort Norman and Norman Wells.

Representatives from Deh Cho council will meet with delegates from the Shitika council later this week in Hay River to try and reach a collective agreement on how to lobby for the extension, said spokesman Frank Pope.

Scott Weeres, Deh Cho regional council's director of planning, said the loss of jobs and the need for employment and training are the key factors to lobby successfully.

Said Weeres: "People are experiencing a downturn in other activities, particularly non-renewable resources. Development of a road is a double-edged sword. But people are starting to see the good overtaking the bad."

Frank Pope of the Shitika regional council noted that a good many people in his district have lost jobs, and definitely need work.

The proposed highway extension would cross sections of both regions. But there have been concerns by both councils that locals might not get any construction contracts. "We don't want to see contracts bid in the south at \$100 million a crack," said Pope. "One of our stipulations would be that tenders for future work be put out in small packages. That way, local contractors can bid and make the contract."

"Ultimately, we want to see each of the regions get a piece of the action, while working towards the same end."

Weeres said that both councils are not working under any "illusions", and remarked that they only want to ensure local interests are being served.

The Deh Cho Development Corporation has recently completed work on its contract to finish the last 14-kilometre stretch of the MacKenzie Highway from Fort Simpson to Wrigley.



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